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All of these people looked for mountains to climb when others were willing to coast downhill, toward death. The famous baseball player, manager, and coach, Yogi Berra, who was still coaching at age 80, once said, "It ain't over 'til it's over."

You and I won't match the accomplishments of these historic figures, but God does not expect us to. God expects us to bloom where we are planted, but he does expect us to bloom until we go to seed and our bodies are planted in the ground. You haven't gone to seed if you are reading this, so I challenge you keep on blooming. God's promise to Israel can be ours, if David's prayer is ours:

O God, You have taught me from my youth;
And to this day I declare Your wondrous works.
Now also when I am old and grayheaded,
O God, do not forsake me,
Until I declare Your strength to this generation,
Your power to everyone who is to come

Psalm 71:17-18

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Lord Give Me a Mountain

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John Piper wrote: "Finishing life to the glory of Christ means resolutely resisting the typical American dream of retirement. It means being so satisfied with all that God promises to be for us in Christ that we are set free from the cravings that create so much emptiness and uselessness in retirement. Instead, knowing that we have an infinitely satisfying an everlasting inheritance in God just over the horizon of life makes us zealous in our few remaining years here to spend ourselves in the sacrifices of love, not the accumulation of comforts" (John Piper. "Rethinking Retirement: Finishing Life for the Glory of Christ." Crossway Books, Wheaton, Illinois. 2008).

At an age when many men might have considered backing off and letting the younger generation do the fighting, Caleb was looking for mountains to climb and battles to win. He said: And now, behold, the Lord has kept me alive, just as he said, these forty-five years since the time that the Lord spoke this word to Moses, while Israel walked in the wilderness. And now, behold, I am this day eighty-five years old. I am still as strong today as I was in the day that Moses sent me; my strength now is as my strength was then, for war and for going and coming. So now give me this hill country of which the Lord spoke on that day, for you heard on that day how the Anakim were there, with great fortified cities. It may be that the Lord will be with me, and I shall drive them out just as the Lord said (Joshua 14:10-12, ESV).

Caleb stands in contrast to the whining children of Joseph to whom Joshua said, in effect, "Stop complaining and go clear some land if you do not have enough (Joshua 17:14-18).

Not many men—if any—can say these days that they are as strong at 85 as they were at 40, but 85-year-old men are not called on today to go into combat. But here are just a few people who made their mark late in life:

- Colonel Sanders began KFC at the age of 65.
- Laura Ingalls Wilder was 65 when she started the Little House series of books.
- Golda Meir became the fourth prime minister of Israel at age 70.
- Ronald Reagan became president 16 days before his 70th birthday.
- Burton Coffman began writing his verse-by-verse commentaries on the entire Bible when he was 66 and finished them when he was 87.

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Leadership

Elders Hayward Blanton, Jerry Casey
Deacons Clint Smith Jr, Robby Stocksdale
Joe Sweeney
Pulpit Minister David Wright
Associate Minister Irvin F. Williams

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Class 10:00 AM
Morning Worship 11:00 AM
Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Class 7:00 PM

Panama Missions

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Those Privileged to Serve

AM Service

Song Leader Michael Hawkins
Opening Prayer Matt Johnson
Scripture Leon Stocksdale
Sermon John Board
Lord's Supper
Message Harold Tincher
Attendant Art Patrick
Attendant Greg Blanton
Closing Prayer Clint Smith Jr

PM Service

Song Leader Robby Stocksdale
Bible Reading David Blackwell
Selection 5
Prayer Grover Blanton
Sermon David Wright
Closing Prayer Rick Martin

AM & PM Services

Announcements Joe Sweeney
Lord's Supper Jerry Casey
Offering Ron Iverson
Usher Clint Smith Sr
Count Offering Hank Tincher
Assist Count Harold Tincher

Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Romans 12:11

If unable to serve please call: Art Patrick 502-819-9481 or Harold Tincher 502-409-3511

The Help of Our God

[David Wright](#)

Nearly a century after the end of Judah's Babylonian exile, an enemy attacked Jerusalem, breaking down its wall and destroying its gates with fire (Neh. 1:3). When Nehemiah heard this troubling news, he asked his lord for permission to take an extended leave of absence so that he could travel to Jerusalem, assume office as governor, and oversee a reconstruction project. The king graciously granted his cupbearer's request. Nehemiah arrived in Jerusalem in 445 BC.

Rebuilding the holy city was a staggering task. However, Nehemiah had the full support and cooperation of the Jewish people. "So we built the wall," he recorded, "and all the wall was joined together to half its height. For the people had a mind to work" (Neh. 4:6). The people worked so diligently, in fact, that the reconstruction took only about seven weeks: "The wall was finished on the twenty-fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty-two days" (6:15).

A productive Gospel meeting also requires "a mind to work." Good preaching is work. John Board, our guest speaker from Elizabethtown, has studied diligently for years so that he can present compelling biblical sermons. Inviting people to attend the meeting is work. Hundreds of invitations have been addressed by hand, and many others have been hand delivered. Cooking is work. This weekend our excellent cooks will spend many hours in the kitchen preparing delicious fellowship meals. Effective prayer for the meeting is work. Epaphras, the preacher at Colosse, was "always wrestling in prayer" (Col. 4:12, NIV). Even faithfully attending the meeting ourselves is a labor of love.

The returned exiles had a mind to work—and the Lord blessed them. Nehemiah explained that "when all our enemies heard of it [i.e., the rapid repair of Jerusalem's wall and gates], all the nations round about us were afraid and fell greatly in their own esteem; for they perceived that this work had been accomplished with the help of our God (Neh. 6:16). If Hamburg Pike has a mind to work this weekend, the Lord will help us too.

¹⁵ When our enemies heard that it was known to us and that God had frustrated their plan, we all returned to the wall, each to his work. ¹⁶ From that day on, half of my servants worked on construction, and half held the spears, shields, bows, and coats of mail. And the leaders stood behind the whole house of Judah, ¹⁷ who were building on the wall. Those who carried burdens were loaded in such a way that each labored on the work with one hand and held his weapon with the other. ¹⁸ And each of the builders had his sword strapped at his side while he built. The man who sounded the trumpet was beside me. ¹⁹ And I said to the nobles and to the officials and to the rest of the people, "The work is great and widely spread, and we are separated on the wall, far from one another. ²⁰ In the place where you hear the sound of the trumpet, rally to us there. Our God will fight for us." ²¹ So we labored at the work, and half of them held the spears from the break of dawn until the stars came out. ²² I also said to the people at that time, "Let every man and his servant pass the night within Jerusalem, that they may be a guard for us by night and may labor by day." ²³ So neither I nor my brothers nor my servants nor the men of the guard who followed me, none of us took off our clothes; each kept his weapon at his right hand.

Nehemiah 4:15-23

Sermon

John 19:1-7

Sacred Head Wounded for the Lost (a.m.)

Debate DVD (p.m.)

Prayer List: Chandra Akers (Marla), MARTIN BONNEY, JAYNE CRAVENS, Jerry Crick (Ann), Todd Cunningham (Hank), Esther Davis (Marian), JANICE DIMMITT, MYRNA DIMMITT, PATTY DIMMITT, MILDRED ELLIOTT, Zachary Ferguson, Elma Fielder (Marian), Lillian Foster, Diana Fulks (Norma), FRANK & MARY HARRIS, DOUG & JUDY HAWKINS, Pricilla Hudkins, ALLENE HUSTON, RON IVERSON, Bernie Jackson (Harold), Elise Jackson (Christine), Alice Jenkins (Ann), Charles & Marlyn Jenkins (Ann), Arletha Kenty (Nathan), Josephine King (Polly), MERLE & JOYCE KNUCKLES, FRANCES LAWTON, SUE LINNE & Rhea, Shelly Marshall, POLLY MCCLINTOCK, JERRY & SONJA MONTGOMERY, CAROL MOUSTY, Gary Peyton (Jean), Jerrie Phillips, CHRISTINE RHOTON, Cindy Roeder (Christine), Wendell & Betty Smith (Polly), Lynn Sullivan (Ann), THRESA TEMPLE, FERN TINCHER, Fulton Wilson (Ann)

Military Service: Matt Bartram, Stephen Blanton, Scott Viers, Zach West, Jeremy Whitlow

Hamburg Pike Happenings

Congratulations to Robby and Micah Nichols on the birth of their baby girl, Naomi Rose Nichols. Naomi weighed 6lb 10oz and was 19" long. Mom and baby are doing fine. Congratulations to Naomi's grand-parents, Jerry and Paula Casey.

Our Fall Gospel meeting with Brother John Board from E-town is November 1st thru 3rd. The lesson theme is "Reaching the Lost". Times: Friday and Saturday 7 p.m., Sunday bible class 10 a.m., worship at 11 a.m. Flyers are available on the table. Our fellowship groups will be hosting meals for the meeting:

- Friday Nov 1st at 6 p.m. Robby and Kirsten's group, theme "Potluck"
- Saturday Nov 2nd at 6 p.m. Hank and Cassie's group, theme "Italian"
- Sunday Nov 3rd after the a.m. service Clint Sr. and Debbie's group, theme "Crockpot"

This Sunday evening (Nov. 3) and next (Nov. 10), we will be watching Kyle Butt's debate with prominent atheist Blair Scott. The showing of the debate DVD will be preceded by an abbreviated service (consisting of announcements, a devotional message, an invitation hymn, observance of the Lord's Supper for those who missed the morning service and a final prayer). You don't want to miss this. You especially don't want your kids to miss it. Bring your friends and neighbors. Seeing this debate is a faith-building experience.

Sunday Nov 17th is "Orphan Sunday". The contribution that day will be devoted to orphans in 10-12 different countries. Please read James 1:27 and pray regarding the "Orphan Sunday" collection.

Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday Nov 3, 2013 at 2:00 AM, set your clocks back 1 hour.

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